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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO/SB/08a is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the disclosures cited in the annexed PTO/SB/08a be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application.

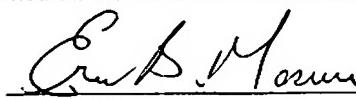
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The items listed were cited in a European Search Report in a counterpart European Patent Application No. EP10179321.4 mailed on March 18, 2011. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/082587A, now U.S. Patent No. 6,602,243; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/058933A, now U.S. Patent No. 6,537,272; U.S. Patent Nos. 5,249,585A, 6,440,157 B1 and 6,620,189B1, are already of record in this application.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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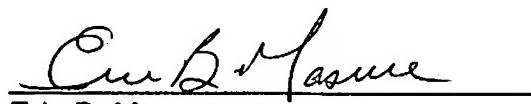
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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